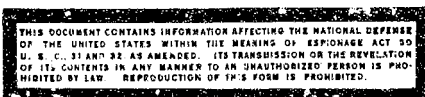


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600 MILLION ZLOTYS ALLOTTED FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT -- Zycie Warszawy, No 337, 7 Dec 49

Losses incurred by the state due to neglect of basic safety rules amount to about 100 billion zlotys a year. Since the building enterprises have the highest percentage of industrial accidents, the Ministry of Construction ordered that a Division of Safety and Hygiene be set up in each enterprise.

In order to popularize these divisions, the SPB (Socialized Building Enterprises) has introduced labor competition between separate building projects and teams. Teams having the lowest number of casualties and organizing the greatest number of divisions of safety and hygiene will be given efficiency points.

SPB has already organized 15 divisions of safety and hygiene among construction projects employing over 50 workers. Each division is composed of an attendant, a member of the fire brigade, and a foreman of the various building trades.

Many accidents have occurred for lack of safety devices, such as safety belts, safety goggles, fire extinguishers, or such antiseptics as hydrogen peroxide. About 600 million zlotys will be appropriated by SPB in 1950 for safety equipment.

SPB is also organizing courses at which physicians and engineers will lecture on personal hygiene and safety precaution. Attendance is compulsory for all SPB workers.

TRADE UNIONS DISCUSS LABOR COMPETITION -- Polska Zbrojnia, No 298, 30 Oct 49

The Central Council of Trade Unions held a special conference on labor competition on 28 October 1949.

Zuchowicz, chief, Labor Competition Department, Trade Unions' Council, told the conference that approximately 50 percent of all workers are engaged in labor competition. Seventy to 80 percent of foundry workers and miners participate.

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